

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)
)
or Revocation of the Educator)
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Certificate of John P. Marden)
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Certificate 156472)

ORDER OF REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 12, 2006. By letter of on March 6, 2006, the Office of Educator Certification sent John P. Marden notice of his right to a hearing regarding the possible revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Marden received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Marden did not request a hearing within the time frame specified. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to revoke Mr. Marden's certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Marden holds an expired South Carolina certificate and has one and one half years of teaching experience in South Carolina for the 1989-90 and 1990-1991 school years. Mr. Marden has an extensive criminal arrest and conviction record dating from 1989 that includes four convictions for Driving Under the Influence and one conviction for Public Disorderly Conduct. The most recent conviction occurred on August 28, 2005 and resulted in Mr. Marden being sentenced to one year of incarceration.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board may revoke the certificate of any person for just cause; just cause includes unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State or the United States, and evident unfitness for position. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support a conclusion that just cause exists to revoke Mr. Marden's South Carolina certificate. Should Mr. Marden ever wish to reapply for certification in South Carolina, he may not do so until after April 12, 2009. To be eligible for certification at that time, Mr. Marden must meet all current certification requirements and he must submit to a character and fitness review by the State Board.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Joe Isaac
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
April 12, 2006